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SUBJECT: USG/UIA GRANT AGREEMENT FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEE

MIGRANTS FROM USSR

REF: TEL AVIV 0638

1. ON FEBRUARY 5 MISOFF MET WITH GOTT HAMMER, EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN, UIA, AND ISRAEL BEN NUN, EUROPEAN DIRECTOR, JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL, FOR PURPOSE REVIEWING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF USG/UIA GRANT AGREEMENT. SIGNIFICANT POINTS EVOLVING FROM DISCUSSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. FROM \$2.4 MILLION ALLOCATED FOR CY 1973-74 FOR ON-ROUTE CARE AND MAINTENANCE, \$1,224,840 REQUIRED TO COVER ACTUAL MOVEMENTS DURING CY 1973 (30,621 MOVEMENTS AT \$40 PER CAPITA). THIS, \$1,175,160

REMAINS TO COVER THIS SERVICE IN CY 1974. TAKING ACCOUNT ESTIMATED INFLUX AND POSSIBILITY THAT CARE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS VIENNA (WOLLERSDORF) MAY BE SOMEWHAT REDUCED OWING FASTER TURNOVER, 1,175,160 CONSIDERED ADEQUATE FOR CY 1974. HAMMER DOES NOT INTEND SEEK INCREASE IN THIS ALLOCATION.

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3. RESPECT UN-EXPENDED BALANCE \$313,822.59 IN PROGRAM II --

CONSTRUCTION AND/OR ENLARGEMENT OF SCHONAU TRANSIT CENTER VIENNA, HAMMER INTENDS SEEK DEPARTMENTS AGREEMENT TO RETAIN THIS BALANCE FOR OTHER USE, POSSIBLY TO COVER MAINTENANCE COSTS OF SECURITY FORCES (AUSTRIAN GENDARMERIE) EMPLOYED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR VIENNA TRANSIT OPERATION. MISSION (RMRC) RECOMMENDS THAT THIS AMOUNT BE RETAINED FOR USE SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED BY HAMMER WITH BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE CONNECTION NEW TRANSIT FACILITY VIENNA.

4. RE PROPOSED CY 1974 ALLOCATION OF \$3.4 MILLION FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES EX-USSR DESTINED SETTLEMENT IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL, HAMMER EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO UTILIZATION OF \$900,000 FOR RECEPTION AND REPLACEMENT GRANTS IN USA. THIS CONNECTION HAMMER STATED THAT THE PRINCIPAL VOLAG INVOLVED. UNITED HIAS SERVICE, HAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED THAT IT DOES NOT RPT REQUIRE SUCH R&P GRANTS. MISSION (RMRC) VIEWS ON THIS MATTER SUBMITTED IN

CARLIN KELLOGG LETTER DATED JANUARY 31, 1974.

5. NECESSITY OF PROVIDING CARE AND MAINTENANCE, RESETTLEMENT, DOCUMENTATION, AND OTHER FORMS ASSISTANCE IN TRANSIT AREAS TO REFUGEES EX-USSR DESTINED RESETTLEMENT IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL EXPLAINED TO HAMMER IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL, INCLUDING COST FACTORS, NUMBERS OF REFUGEES, VOLAG INVOLVEMENT, ETC. CONSEQUENTLY,

HAMMER NOW HAS GOOD APPRECIATION OF THIS PARTICULAR OPERATION AND HE DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO CHALLENGE DEPARTMENTS ALLOCATION FOR THIS PURPOSE.

6. WITH RESPECT TRANSPORTATION OF JEWISH REFUGEE MIGRANTS FROM VIENNA TO TEL AVIV, HAMMER EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO ICEM'S HANDLING OF THESE MOVEMENTS ON LOAN BASIS. HAMMER INDICATED THAT HE INTENDS PURSUE THIS ISSUE WITH DEPARTMENT (S/R) OFFICERS IN EARLY FUTURE. MISOFF RECITED HAMMER THE HISTORY OF THE REFUGEE TRANSPORTATION LOAN ARRANGEMENTS EXPLAINING THAT AFTER PROTRACTED EFFORTS WE HAD FINALLY MANAGED TO GET ALL CATEGORIES OF REFUGEE MOVEMENTS, EXCEPT HANDICAPPED REFUGEES, ON A LOAN BASIS. MISOFF EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE NOW THAT THE LOAN SYSTEM IS WORKING VERY EFFECTIVELY TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT GROUP OF REFUGEE MIGRANTS. THIS CONNECTION MISOFF SUGGESTED THAT SUCH EXCEPTION MIGHT BE RESENTED BY OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOLAGS AND COULD CONCEIVABLY JEOPARDIZE OVERALL LOAN ARRANGEMENT.

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